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CLEO

SUSIE'S BUSY TONIGHT...SHE'S PLAYING PARCHEESIE WITH ME.

HERE'S A QUARTER, CLEO— STICK AROUND!

C'MON, SUSIE...SHOW HIM HOW YOU CAN TAKE OFF YOUR EYELASHES.

IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO ASK ME TO JOIN YOUR LITTLE GAME, CLEO.

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SUSIE Q. SMITH

ZOWIE! LOOKIT THAT!

Linda Walter

WELL! THAT DOES IT! DON'T YOU EVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN, MISTER HUTCH HOPKINS!

SLAM!

AW GEE, SUSIE... WAIT A MINUTE!

DOGGONE! NOW SHE'S MAD AT ME...

JUST BECAUSE I WHISTLED AT SOME DAME I'LL PROB'LY NEVER SEE AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE!

WOMEN—**PHOOEY!!**

EXCUSE ME, YOUNG MAN...

HUH? (GULP!) LISTEN, WILL YOU PLEASE GO AWAY BEFORE I GET MYSELF IN **MORE** TROUBLE? PLEASE, LADY!

I'M SORRY. I ONLY WANTED TO ASK YOU IF YOU COULD DIRECT ME TO THE SMITH'S HOUSE. YOU SEE, I'M SUSIE'S COUSIN, AND..

WELL! WHAT D'YA KNOW! SUSIE'S COUSIN!

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF—HUTCHINSON T. HOPKINS...HUTCH TO MY FRIENDS!

I LIVE HERE, AND SUSIE'S HOUSE IS RIGHT NEXT DOOR HERE, LET ME TAKE THAT SUITCASE.

THAT'S AWFULLY SWEET OF YOU, MR—ER—HUTCH.

I HAVEN'T SEEN SUSIE IN YEARS. SHE WAS LIKE A DEAR LITTLE SISTER TO ME...SUCH A **SWEET, AFFECTIONATE** CHILD!

R-RING!

HUTCH HOPKINS! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY BRINGING THAT **HUSSY** TO MY HOUSE?!

SLAM

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON DOWN HERE, SUSAN? I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE AT THE DOOR.

AUNT ARABELLE!

WHY, IT'S—OF COURSE! IT'S BABS! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, DEAR!

WELL, I'LL BE SHOVING OFF—G'BYE, MISS BABS.

GOOD-BYE, HUTCH. I HOPE I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN VERY SOON!

COME IN AND SIT DOWN, DEAR. YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THAT LONG TRIP!

I **AM** A TRIFLE WEARY, AUNT ARABELLE.

LET ME LOOK AT YOU. MY! YOU'VE GROWN INTO A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, BABS!

BABS! OMIGOSH! IT'S COUSIN BABS! THAT SUITCASE! DARN IT! I BET SHE'S GONNA STAY FOR A VISIT, AND HUTCH RIGHT NEXT DOOR!

SUSIE IS GOING TO BE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU, DEAR. I HAVEN'T TOLD HER A THING ABOUT—YOU KNOW! I WANTED IT TO COME AS A LOVELY SURPRISE!

OH, HERE SHE IS NOW. SUSIE! LOOK WHO'S HERE—YOUR COUSIN BABS! ISN'T THIS **WONDERFUL?**

I'LL GET RID OF HER, —**FAST!**

SUSIE, HONEY! IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU

PLEASE! YOU'RE GETTING ME MUSSED!

PLANNING TO STAY LONG, BABS? I DON'T THINK YOU'LL LIKE IT AT ALL... THE WEATHER'S BEEN **TERRIBLE!** AND IT'S—UH—VERY **DULL!** I THINK YOU'LL BE BORED TO DEATH!

WHY, SUSAN!

I WAS ONLY PLANNING ON STAYING LONG ENOUGH TO GET MARRIED, SUSIE.

MARRIED!! Y'MEAN YOU'RE GONNA GET **MARRIED?**

THANK GOODNESS! I MEAN— THAT'S SWELL! **WONDERFUL!**

I KNEW YOU'D BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, DEAR. WE KEPT IT AS A SURPRISE FOR YOU.

WHEN BABS WROTE SHE WAS GOING TO BE MARRIED I INSISTED SHE HAVE THE WEDDING HERE... WE'RE HER CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVES, YOU KNOW.

MARRIED! GOLLY, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE? I'M GONNA HELP YOU ALL I CAN, BABS! WHEN'S THE WEDDING? THE SOONER THE BETTER!

YOU'RE SO THOUGHTFUL, SUSIE.

NEXT DAY...

HEY! GUESS WHO I JUST SAW IN GIBLEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE— **SUSIE!**

SO WHAT?

SO **THIS**—SHE WAS BUYING **TROUSSEAU CLOTHES!**

AW, YOU MUST BE CRAZY! WHAT WOULD SUSIE WANT WITH A BUNCH OF WEDDING CLOTHES?

I DUNNO! BUT SHE WAS BUYING 'EM, JUST THE SAME! AND GEE, SHE WAS ALL EXCITED, AND STARRY-EYED, SORT OF.

I DON'T GET IT!

QUIET! HERE SHE COMES NOW!

HI, SUSIE!

HOW'S IT, (SLUP) SUSIE?

HI, FELLAS! GOLLY, AM I BEAT! WHAT I NEED IS A BIG, FAT SODA!

YOU ASK HER...

NO, YOU ASK HER...

WELL, SOMEBODY ASK HER, F'GOSH SAKE!

SAY, SUSIE—WHAT YA GOT IN ALL THOSE PACKAGES? LOOKS LIKE YOU BOUGHT OUT THE STORE.

OH, LOTS OF THINGS! TROUSSEAU CLOTHES—AND LINENS—AND POTS AND PANS—IT TAKES AN AWFUL LOT OF STUFF TO SET UP HOUSE-KEEPING, Y'KNOW!

WHAT DID I TELL YA!

MY GOSH! IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S GETTIN' READY TO GET MARRIED!

WELL, SO LONG, FELLAS... GOTTA GET ON WITH MY SHOPPING! INCIDENTALLY, DON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THIS—IT'S A SECRET! I HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD HUTCH YET!

WELL, I'LL BE DARNED! SUSIE AND HUTCH ARE GETTING HITCHED—AND HUTCH DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT!

SA-A-AY! WE BETTER WARN HIM!

YEAH! HE'S OUR PAL—IT'S OUR DUTY TO WARN HIM!

DOC'S DRUG STORE

OH, AUNT ARABELLE, I'M SO EXCITED! MY DARLING HENRY ARRIVES TOMORROW!

FROM YOUR DESCRIPTION OF HIM, BABS, HE OUGHT TO MAKE A VERY HANDSOME GROOM.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS NEGLIGEE I PICKED OUT FOR YOU, BABS?

IT'S LOVELY, SUSIE! YOU'RE SUCH A DEAR TO HELP ME. HEAVENS, THERE'S **SO** MUCH TO DO TO GET READY FOR A WEDDING!

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT IT BEST TO KEEP THE WHOLE THING A SECRET FOR A WHILE. WHEN WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING READY, WE'LL SEND OUT THE INVITATIONS...

...AND SUSIE, I WANT YOU TO ASK HUTCH TO BE AN USHER AT THE WEDDING—HE'S SUCH A SWEET BOY!

HEY, THAT'S SWELL! HUTCH WILL BE AN USHER AND I'LL BE A BRIDESMAID!

SUSAN! TELEPHONE FOR YOU!

HI, SUSIE—IT'S HUTCH. HEY, WHERE YOU BEEN HIDING YOURSELF LATELY? HAVEN'T SEEN YA AROUND! HOW ABOUT WE TAKE IN A MOVIE TONIGHT?

O.K, SWELL! MEET YA OUT FRONT OF MY HOUSE AT SEVEN—AND I'VE GOT A TERRIFIC SURPRISE FOR YOU!

WHERE'S HUTCH, MRS. HOPKINS?! WE GOTTA SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY! IT'S A MATTER OF **LIFE AND DEATH!**

YEAH! IT'S SOMETHIN' AWFUL IMPORTANT!

HE'S IN THE LIVING ROOM, BOYS, GO RIGHT IN.

MODEL CONVAIR B-36

HUTCH! HOW ARE YA, OL' PAL?!

GEE, HUTCH, IT BROKE ME UP SOMETHIN' AWFUL TO HEAR ABOUT THE TERRIBLE THING THAT HAPPENED TO YA!

BUT DON'T WORRY, OL' PAL! WE'LL STICK BY YOU TO THE BITTER END!

HEY, CUT IT OUT, WILL YA? WHAT'S BITING YOU GUYS, ANYWAY?

YOU TELL HIM, OWLIE, I HAVEN'T GOT THE HEART!

WHAT'RE YOU DOPES TALKING ABOUT?

IT'S LIKE THIS, HUTCH...

...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY. WE FIGURED WE OUGHT TO WARN YOU THAT SUSIE IS GETTING READY TO **MARRY YOU!**

OMIGOSH! WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

YOU GOTTA HANDLE THIS SITUATION JUST RIGHT, HUTCH—IT'S **DYNAMITE!** WHEN SUSIE GETS AN IDEA IN HER HEAD, **NOBODY** CAN GET IT OUT!

BUT I **CAN'T** GET MARRIED! I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE!

OMIGOSH! I JUST REMEMBERED! I ASKED HER TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH ME TONIGHT!

WELL, PLAY IT SMART, BOY—OR YOU'RE GONNA FIND YOURSELF HOOKED—AND I MEAN **HOOKED!**

7:00 P.M...

OH, BROTHER! I GOTTA BE CAREFUL!

HI, HUTCH! I'M ALL READY—LET'S GO!

H-H-HI, SUSIE...

H-HOW'S TRICKS? WH-WHAT YA BEEN DOING LATELY? (GULP!) **NO!** DON'T TELL ME! UH—THAT IS—

GOLLY, HUTCH, WHY ARE YOU SO NERVOUS? YOU ACT LIKE YOU'RE WALKING THE LAST MILE!

I-I-I **AM!**

M-M-M! THE MOON MAKES ME FEEL SO ROMANTIC! MAKES ME THINK OF WEDDINGS! DON'T YOU LOVE WEDDINGS?

W-WEDDINGS? D-DID YOU SAY **WEDDINGS?!**

LISTEN, HUTCH... I HAVE SOMETHING WONDERFUL TO TELL YOU, IT'S ABOUT **US!** IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET—

O-DON'T TELL ME! I **HATE** SECRETS— PLEASE! DON'T TELL ME!

BUT I **HAVE** TO TELL YOU, SILLY! YOU'RE GOING TO BE RIGHT THERE IN THE CHURCH WITH ME!

CH-CH-CHURCH?!

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BORROW YOUR FATHER'S TUX FOR THE W—

H-HERE WE ARE, SUSIE! L-LET'S GET THE TICKETS. MAYBE THE MOVIE'S ALREADY STARTED!

TICKETS

O.K. INCIDENTALLY, WHAT **IS** THE MOVIE TONIGHT?

I DUNNO. LET'S SEE—IT'S **OH, NO!**

HALB!

WELL, FGOSH SAKE! WHAT GOT INTO **HIM?**

TICKETS

THE WEDDING WALTZ

NOW SHOWING

MONDAY....

I'M SORRY, SUSIE, HUTCH ISN'T AROUND. I SAW HIM A FEW MINUTES AGO, BUT HE'S NOT HERE NOW.

WEDNESDAY...

GOSH! LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO GO AROUND IN DISGUISE THE REST OF MY LIFE!

FRIDAY....

I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW HUTCH JUST NOW!

SATURDAY....

GOODNESS, HUTCH! STOP MOPING AND EAT YOUR BREAKFAST. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU LATELY? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE A HUNTED ANIMAL!

GOSH (SIGH) IF YOU ONLY KNEW!

RING!!

TELEPHONE FOR YOU, DEAR— IT'S SUSIE.

SUSIE! YE-E-OW!

I'M SORRY, SUSIE, HUTCH SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED. DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIM, DEAR?

IT'S TERRIBLY VITAL, MRS. HOPKINS. WILL YOU TELL HIM THERE'S GONNA BE A **WEDDING REHEARSAL** AT THE CHURCH IN **HALF AN HOUR?!**

I'LL TELL HIM THE MINUTE HE COMES IN, SUSIE.

THAT DARN SUSIE! SHE'S GONNA GET ME YET! I GOTTA **DO** SOMETHING—AND **FAST!**

I'LL GET OUTA TOWN—THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL JUST SCRAM TILL THIS WHOLE THING BLOWS OVER!

THIS NOTE WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO MOM AND DAD...

GOSH! I ONLY HAVE THIRTEEN CENTS TO MY NAME... WELL, I'LL JUST HAVE TO HITCHHIKE!

BROTHER! I'M SURE GLAD I THOUGHT OF THIS! I FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN ALREADY!

...AND AS SOON AS SUSIE GETS THIS CRAZY IDEA OUT OF HER HEAD I CAN COME BACK AND EVERYTHING WILL BE SWELL AGAIN!

HEY, MISTER! HOW ABOUT A LIFT?

HOP IN, BUD.

THIS IS SURE SWELL OF YOU. HOW FAR YOU GOIN'?

ABOUT SIX BLOCKS. I GOT A BIG DELIVERY TO MAKE.

FLORIST

ONLY SIX BLOCKS! AW, SHUCKS!

THEN I GOTTA GO ALL THE WAY OVER TO CARTERVILLE WITH ANOTHER ORDER.

CARTERVILLE! THAT'S TWENTY MILES! SWELL! I'LL RIDE OVER WITH YOU.

IT'S O.K. BY ME, BUD.

FLORIST

MIND GIVING ME A HAND? I GOT A LOT OF FLOWERS AND STUFF TO CARRY IN HERE.

SURE, MISTER— GLAD TO OBLIGE!

ACME FLORIST

TAKE THOSE PALMS INTO THE CHURCH AND SET 'EM DOWN.

CHECK!

HEY, THAT'S REAL NICE ORGAN MUSIC! SOUNDS LIKE THE WEDDING MARCH.

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THE WEDDING MARCH— OMIGOSH!!

DEARLY BELOVED, WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY—

HUTCH!

NOW, WAIT A SECOND, SUSIE! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!

OH, HUTCH, I'M SO GLAD YOU MADE IT! WE WERE GONNA START WITHOUT YOU!

WHAT DID I EVER DO TO DESERVE THIS? HAVEN'T WE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD PALS? HAVEN'T WE?!

S-SH! THE REHEARSAL WILL BE OVER IN A MINUTE— THEN I WANT YOU TO MEET THE BRIDE AND GROOM.

T-'E B-B-BRIDE? THE G-GROOM?

OF COURSE, SILLY! WHAT'S A WEDDING WITHOUT A BRIDE AND GROOM?

OH, HUTCH—YOU'LL BE THE HANDSOMEST USHER! AND I'LL BE THE PRETTIEST BRIDESMAID, WON'T I?

USHER? BRIDESMAID?

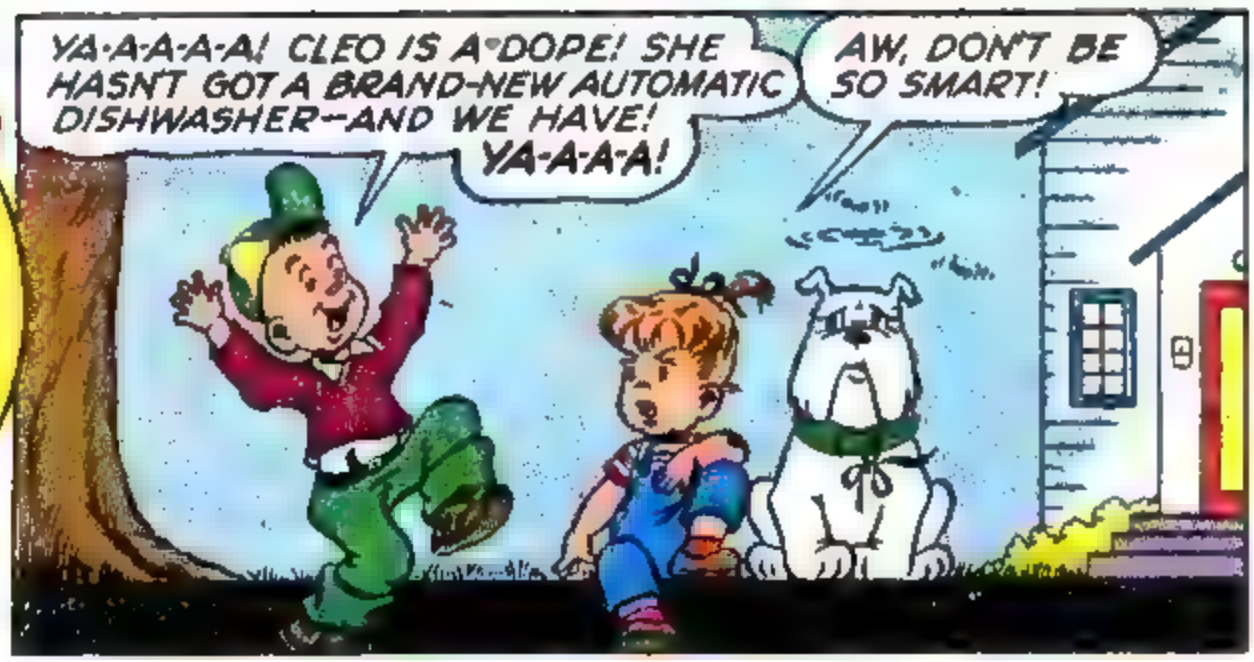
L-LET ME S-SIT DOWN A S-SECOND, SUSIE—I F-FEEL KINDA W-WEAK!

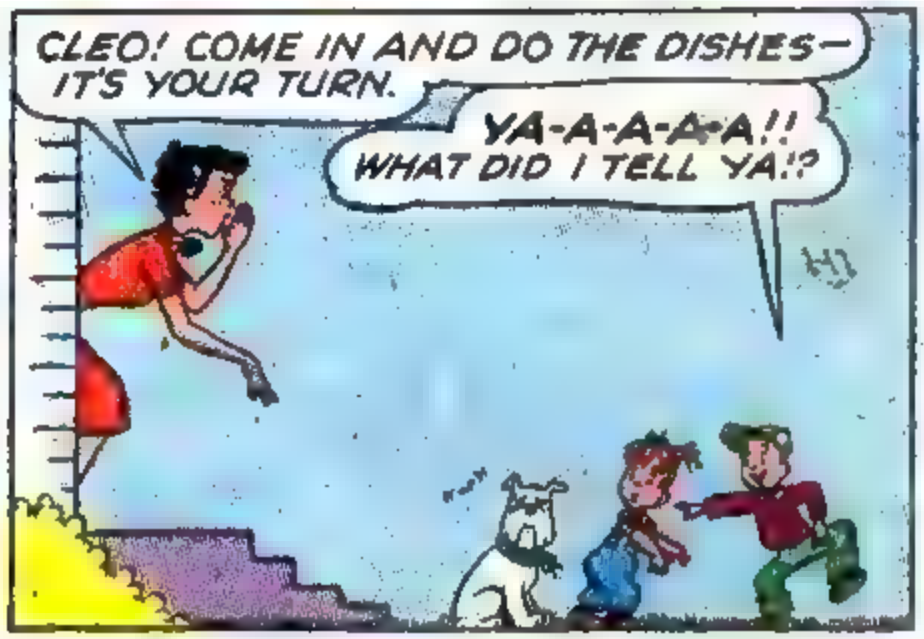
GOLLY, HUTCH—AREN'T WEDDINGS JUST THE NICEST THINGS IN THE WORLD?!

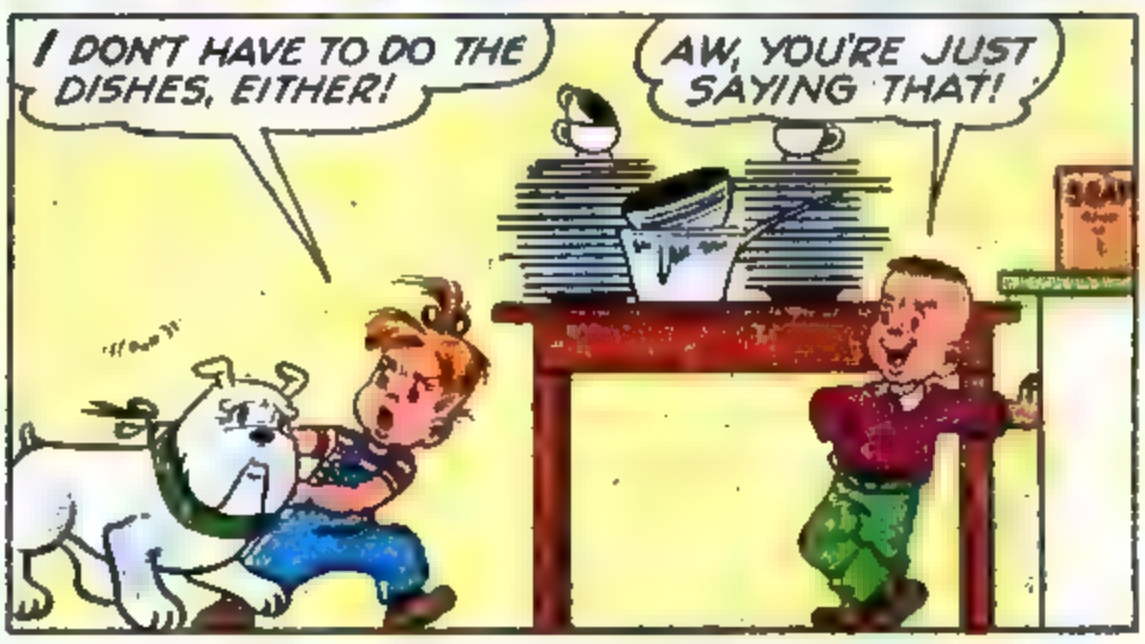
YEAH! THEY'RE SWELL—JUST SO LONG AS IT'S **SOMEBODY ELSE'S WEDDING!**

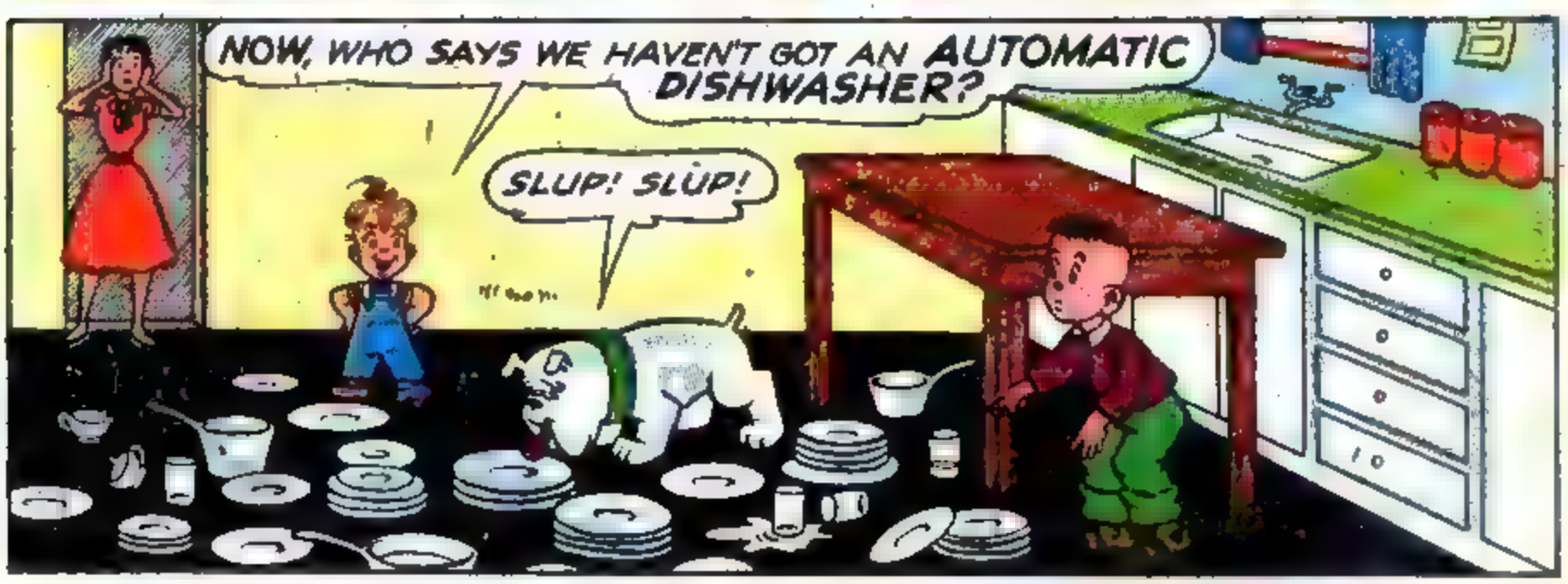
CLEO

"A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND IS HER DOG."







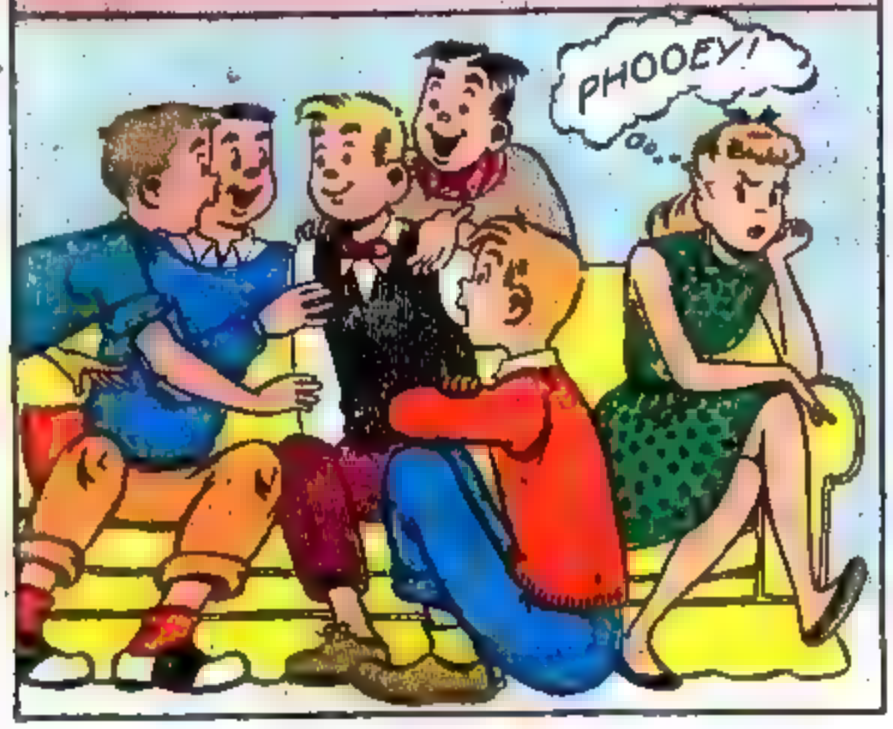


EVERY DOG

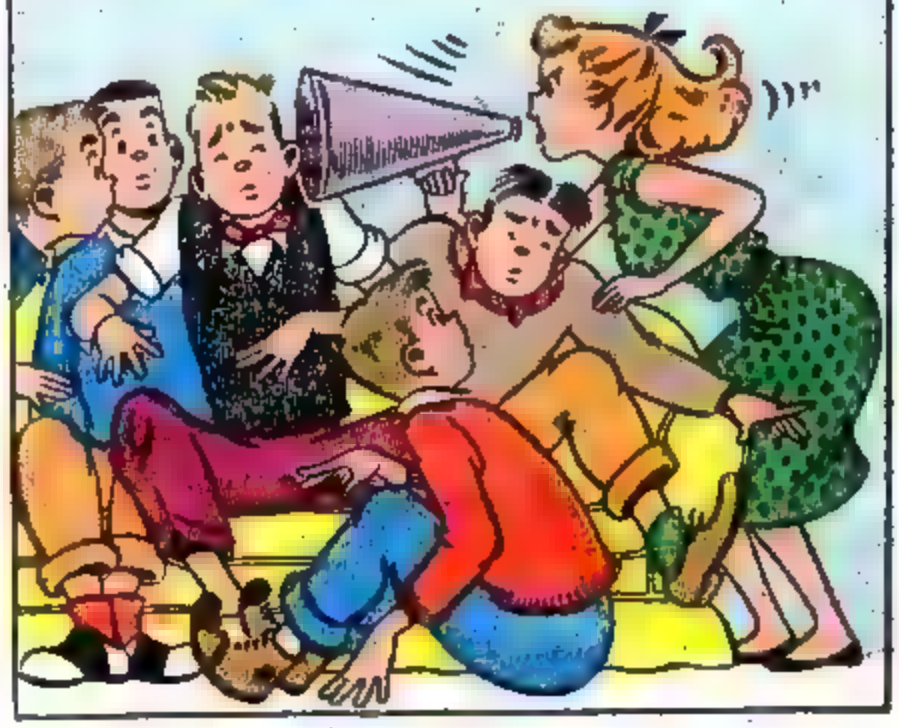
HI! THE GRIPES YOU SENT IN ARE SWELL! KEEP ON SENDING THEM TO ME: SUSIE Q. SMITH, WOODSTOCK, NEW YORK. AND ANOTHER THING... DON'T FORGET TO WRITE TO THOSE GUYS IN THE SERVICE. THEY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

MARIE MAUSOLF, 560 W. 7th ST., HOISINGTON, KANSAS, WRITES:

"MY BOY FRIEND ALWAYS HAS A GANG OF BOYS AROUND HIM. I NEVER EVEN GET TO TALK TO HIM."



TRY THIS, MARIE! IT WILL EITHER MAKE HIM HEAR YOU—OR BUST HIS EARDRUMS.

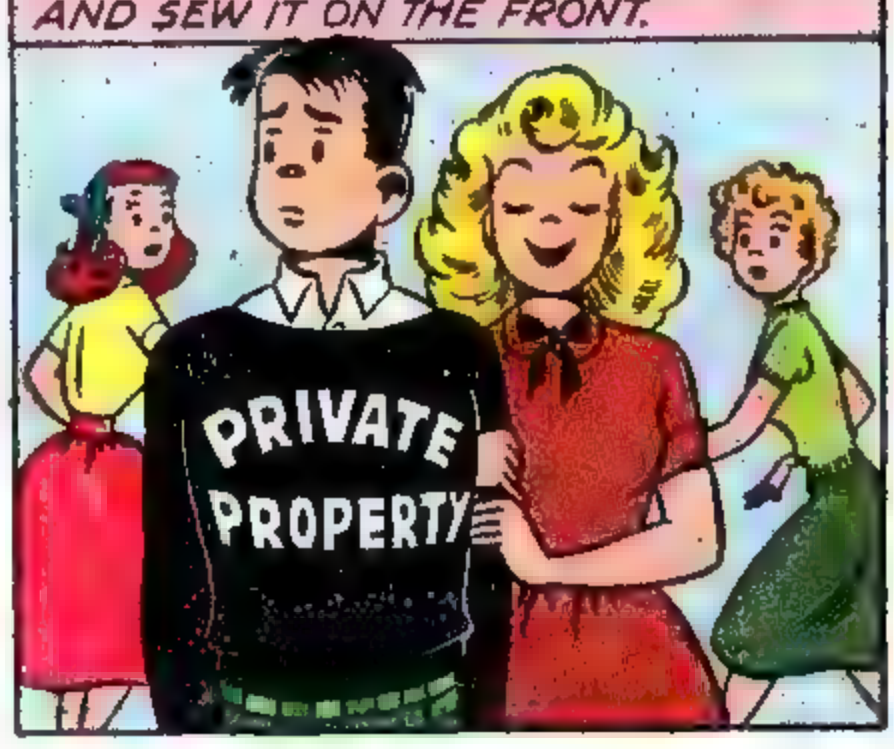


PATSY COWAN, BRAMWELL, VIRGINIA, WRITES:

"WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT A BOY FRIEND WHO IS TOO ATTRACTIVE TO OTHER GIRLS?"

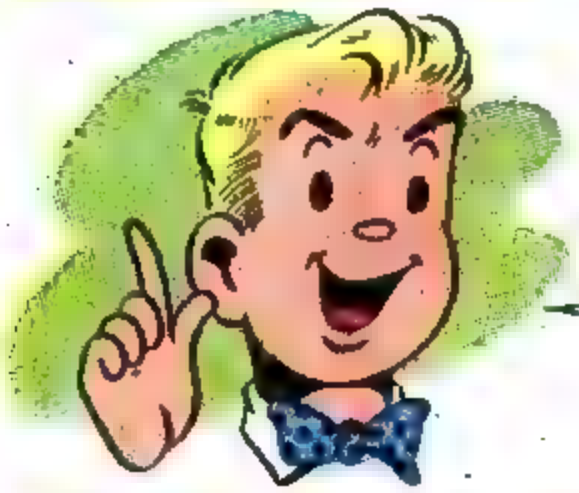
LET'S HAVE A PEN-PAL CLUB!

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO, PATSY! GIVE HIM A SWEATER FOR CHRISTMAS. BUT FIRST CUT OUT A MESSAGE IN FELT LETTERS AND SEW IT ON THE FRONT.



LET'S HAVE A PEN-PAL CLUB!

HAS HIS SAY

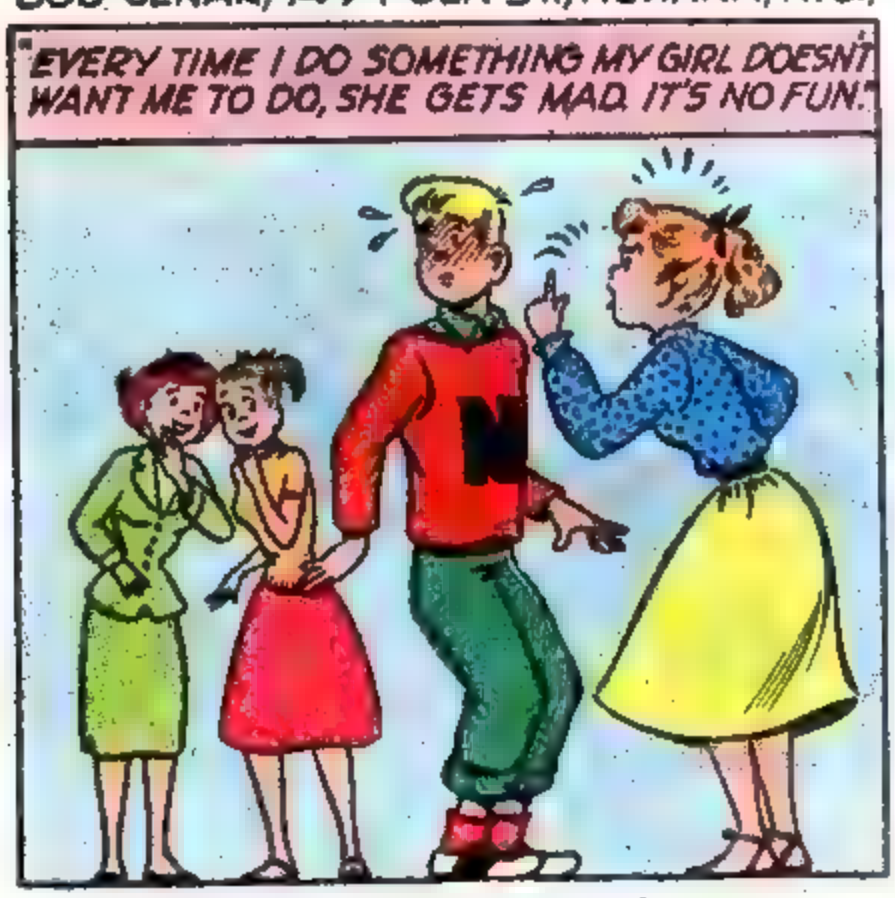


NICE GOIN', YOU GUYS! BUT KEEP 'EM COMING! SEND YOUR GIRL-GRIPES TO ME: HUTCH HOPKINS, WOODSTOCK, NEW YORK. WE GOTTA SHOW THESE FEMALES WHO THE SUPERIOR SEX IS!

PABRIN KEARNS, BOX 212, SABINA, OHIO, WRITES:

"A CERTAIN GIRL KEEPS SQUIRTING PERFUME ON ME, WHEN MY BACK IS TURNED."
GET ONE OF THOSE LAPEL-FLOWERS WITH A BULB ATTACHMENT, AT A NOVELTY STORE. NEXT TIME SHE PULLS THAT TRICK—GIVE IT TO HER!

BOB CENAR, 149 POLK ST., NEWARK, N. J., WRITES.


"EVERY TIME I DO SOMETHING MY GIRL DOESN'T WANT ME TO DO, SHE GETS MAD. IT'S NO FUN."
HERE'S WHAT YOU DO, BOB. WHEN SHE GETS MAD AT YOU, PUT ON A BIG BAWLING ACT, REAL LOUD! SHE'LL BE GLAD TO MAKE UP.

LET'S HAVE A PEN-PAL CLUB!

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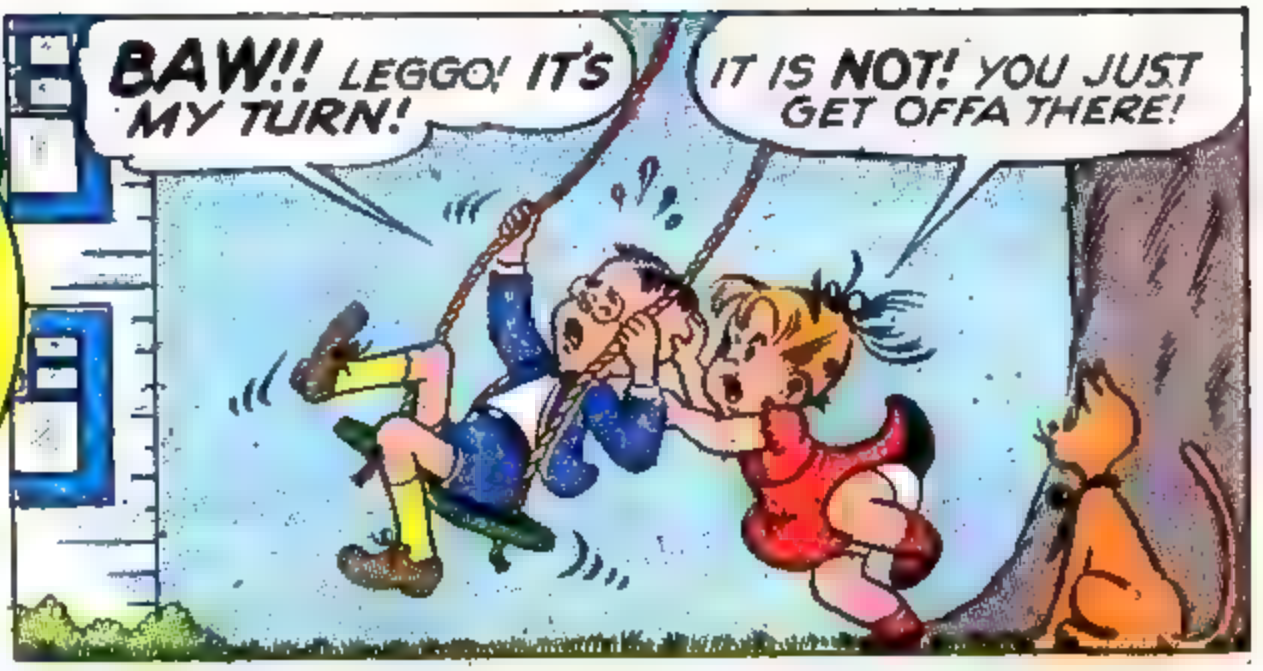
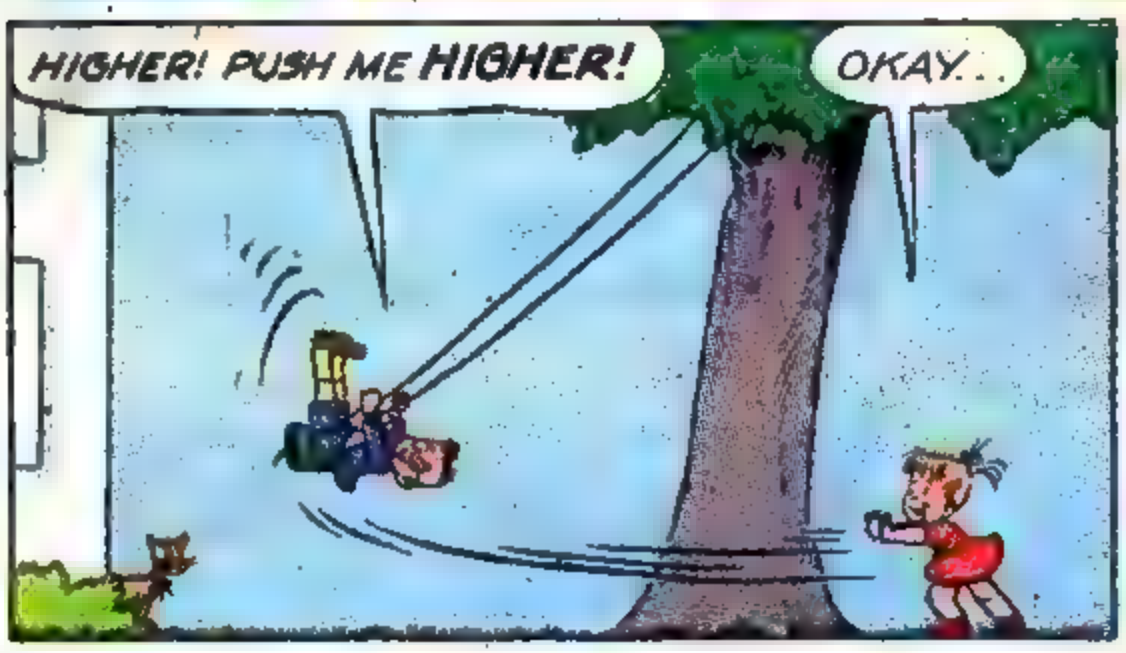
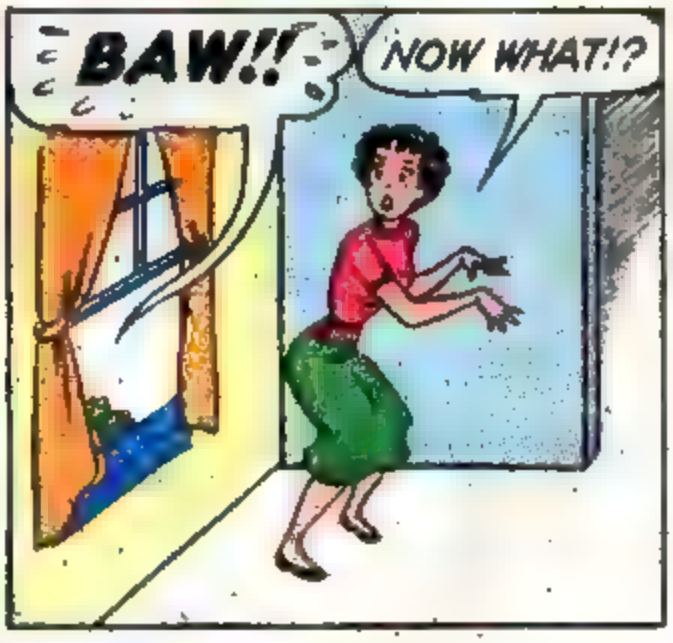
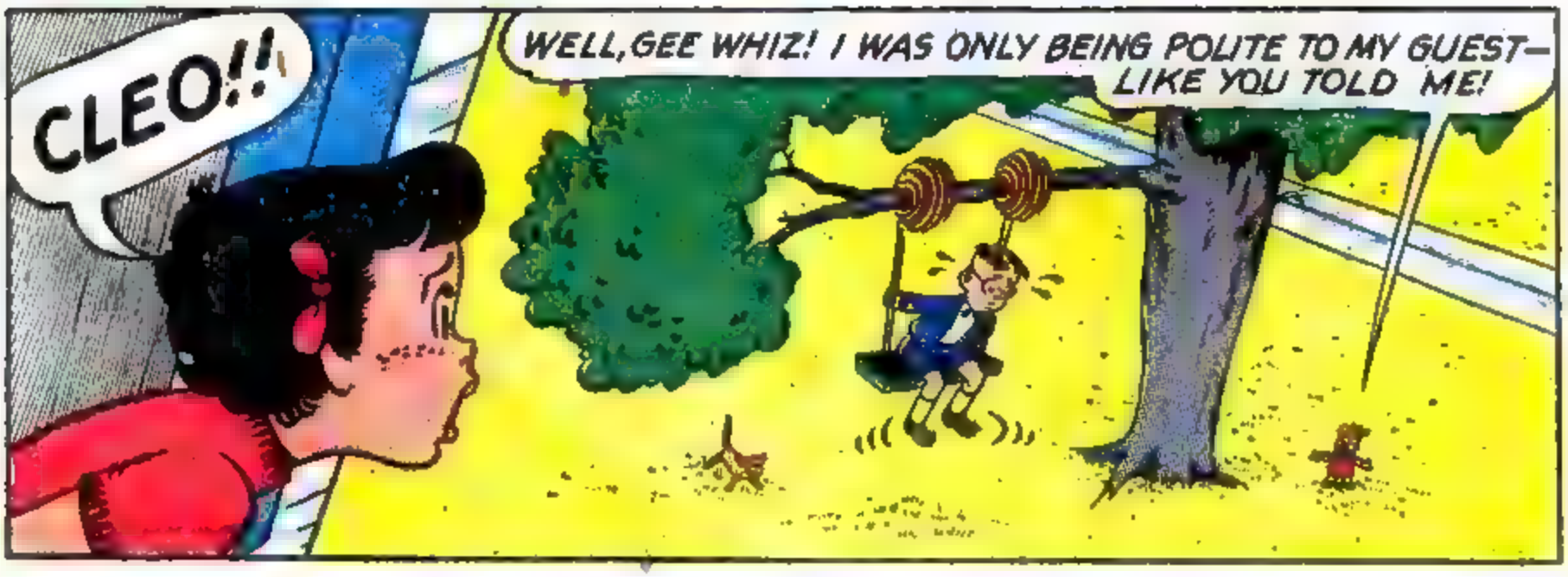
CLEO

"SWEET REVENGE"



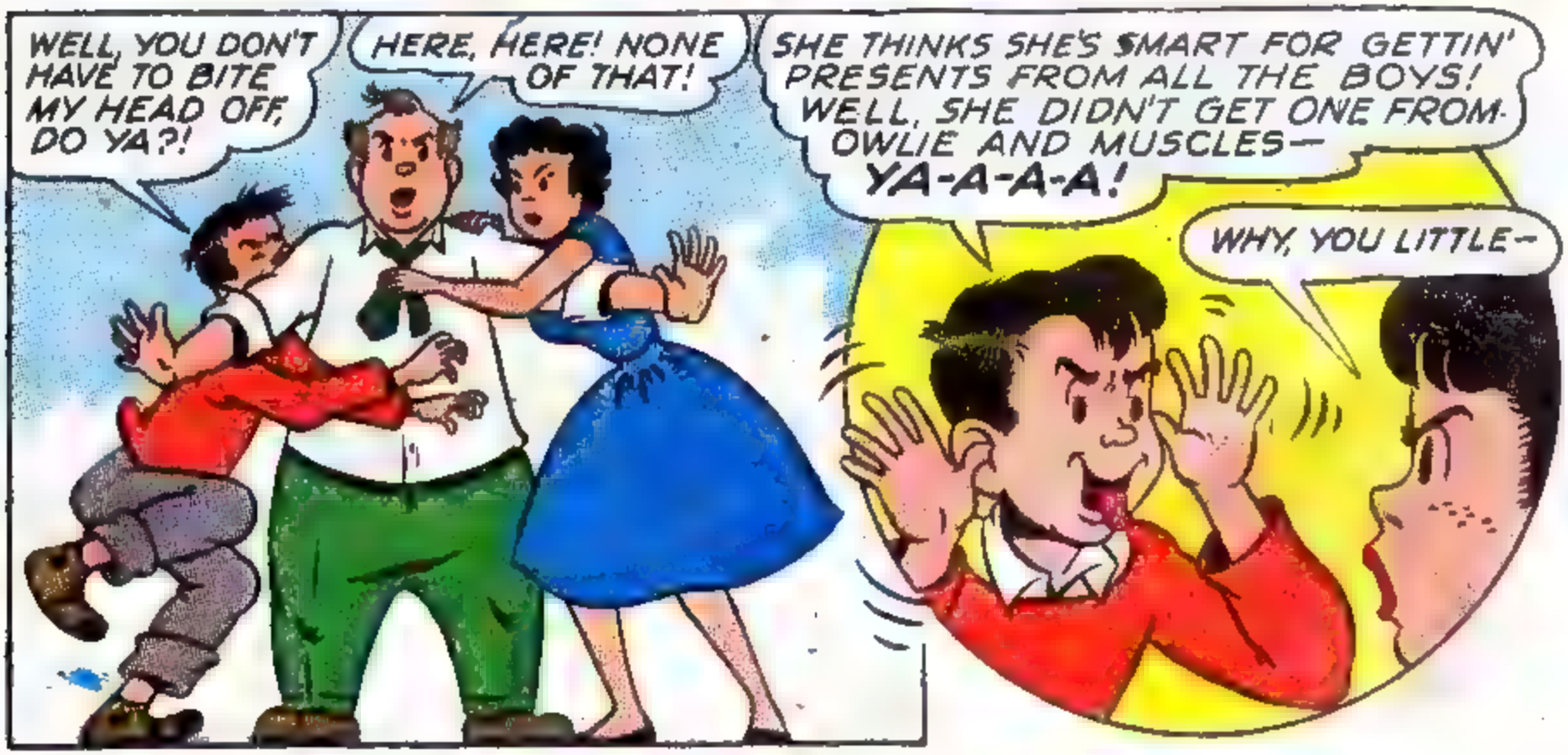






SUSIE Q. SMITH

A Birthday Surprise for the Birthday Girl!


WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BITE MY HEAD OFF, DO YA?!
HERE, HERE! NONE OF THAT!
SHE THINKS SHE'S SMART FOR GETTIN' PRESENTS FROM ALL THE BOYS! WELL, SHE DIDN'T GET ONE FROM OWLIE AND MUSCLES— YA-A-A-A!
WHY, YOU LITTLE—

HONK HONK!

HEY, SUSIE! C'MON OUT! WE WANTA GIVE YOU YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

IT'S OWLIE AND MUSCLES. WELL, MR. WISE-GUY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?'

HMFFF!

AND THEY WANT TO GIVE ME MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT'

AW, PHOOEY!

HI, FELLAS! GEE, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GIVE ME A PRESENT. . WHAT DID YOU BRING ME?

C'MON! GET IN! IT'S A SURPRISE

BUT WHAT—?

AND NO QUESTIONS!

GOSH, IT MUST BE SOMETHING REAL SPECIAL? WHEN WILL I SEE IT?

PRETTY SOON. JUST KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

WATCH IT!! NO BRAKES!

PULEE-E-EZE, FELLAS! CAN'T WE GO OVER A ROAD THAT'S NOT SO **BUMPY**?!

WE **HAVE** TO TAKE YOU THIS WAY, SUSIE. IT'S PART OF THE SURP— OOOPS! I NEARLY GAVE IT AWAY!

LOOK AT THAT SWELL VIEW, SUSIE! ISN'T THAT BEAUTIFUL? WHERE COULD YA BUY A PRICELESS PICTURE LIKE **THAT**?!

THE V-VIEW—? OH, YEAH, I-IT'S O.K.

HEY! LOOK AT THOSE COWS, SUSIE. PRETTY, HUH?

I DON'T LIKE COWS. THEY SCARE ME!

AND THERE'S A REAL NICE STREAM. LOOK, SUSIE!

UM-M-M...

JUST LOOK AT THOSE CLOUDS, SUSIE! **LOOK!** WHAT A PICTURE. **AND IT'S ALL FOR YOU!**

OUCH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BREAK MY NECK!

RELAX, SUSIE! LEAN BACK AND BREATHE DEEP. **ENJOY** ALL THIS BEAUTY THAT NATURE PROVIDES!

STOP THE CAR!

HALP!

SQUEEK!

WE GOTTA GET OUT AND LET SUSIE PICK SOME OF THOSE PRETTY DAISIES!

OBOY, SUSIE! THIS IS GONNA BE A REAL TREAT!

C'MON, SUSIE! YOU'RE GONNA GET A BIG BANG OUTA THIS!

BUT I DON'T **WANT** TO PICK DAISIES! S'POSE THERE ARE **SNAKES** IN THERE?

AW, YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF A LITTLE THING LIKE A SNAKE, ARE YA?

YES!!

GO ON, SUSIE! ENJOY YOURSELF! PICK A NICE, BIG BUNCH..!

...AND WE'LL SIT RIGHT HERE AND WAIT FOR YOU.

ONE HOUR LATER...

THERE! THAT OUGHTA BE ENOUGH TO SATISFY THEM. PHEW! THIS IS MAKING ME HOT!

Z-Z-Z-Z...

GOSH, I'M MELTING!

GUESS I'LL TAKE MY SCARF OFF.

SOUNDS LIKE THUNDER. GEE, I HOPE IT DOESN'T RAIN AND SPOIL MY BRAND-NEW BIRTHDAY DRESS!

RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

E-E-E-EK!!

YIPE!!

HI, SUSIE! ARE YA HAVIN' FUN?

ARE YA OKAY, SUSIE?

OH, YEAH! SURE—I'M PEACHY! EXCEPT THAT I LANDED IN A POISON IVY PATCH!

SA-A-AY! WHAT DO YOU CONSARN FOOL KIDS MEAN BY UPSETTING MY BULL?

NOW, YOU JUST GIT ON HOME, FERDY! GO ON!

MOO?

THIS HAS BEEN SOME EXCITING AFTERNOON, HEY, SUSIE? WE'RE GIVING YOU A REAL SWELL TIME!

AND THIS ISN'T ALL! WE'RE GONNA—

YEOW!!

HAL-L-P!!

YOU CAN COME OUT NOW, SUSIE. THE HORNETS ARE GONE.

LISTEN, FELLAS— ENOUGH'S ENOUGH! I WANTA GO HOME!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! HOW ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY SURPRISE?

OMIGOSH! WE'RE OUTA GAS!

YOU DON'T MIND PUSHING, DO YA, SUSIE? OWLIE'S GOT A SORE BACK, AND I HAVE TO STEER.

BUT FELLAS, WHAT ABOUT MY **BIRTHDAY SURPRISE?**

THIS IS IT, SUSIE! WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH TO **BUY** YOU A PRESENT, SO WE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A NICE **RIDE IN THE COUNTRY FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY!**

♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR SUSIE— ♪

O-O-OH, NO!

CLEO

POP!

POP!

CLEO! COME BACK HERE!

TO THE ZOO

COUSIN ELSWORTH ACTS LIKE A LITTLE GENTLEMAN. WHY CAN'T YOU BE A LADY?

AW, WHO WANTS TO BE A LADY!?

AFRICAN GORILLA

GET AWAY FROM THAT GORILLA! YOU'LL GET HURT!

TSK! TSK! SHE'S VERY NAUGHTY, ISN'T SHE, COUSIN SUSAN?

YOU'RE DEAD, ELSWORTH!

POP! POP!

GIVE ME THAT CAP PISTOL! YOU'LL SCARE THE ANIMALS!

BOO-HOO! YOU'RE MEAN, SUSIE.

HERE, ELSWORTH, YOU TAKE IT. I CAN TRUST YOU NOT TO MAKE TROUBLE.

SOB!

BOO-HOO! MAKE HER GIVE ME BACK MY CAP PISTOL!

EE-E-E-E-EK!!

H-HELP! H-HE'S G-GOING T-TO K-KILL M-ME!

QUICK, ELSWORTH! G-GIVE ME THE C-CAP PISTOL—I'LL S-SCARE HIM OFF!

CLICK! CLICK!

IT WON'T SHOOT!

CLICK! CLICK!

OF COURSE NOT, COUSIN SUSAN. I THREW AWAY THE CAPS, SO CLEO COULDN'T USE IT AGAIN. CLEVER OF ME—YES?

YOUNG MAN, YOU'RE JUST TOO DARN CLEVER FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

BAW!!

HORRIBLE HORACE AND AWFUL ARTHUR

"DOWN WITH BABY SITTERS!"

SUSIE ISN'T HOME, HUTCH. SHE'S BABY SITTING FOR MRS. WHITE.

GUESS I'LL GO OVER AND SIT WITH HER... SHE'S PROBABLY BORED STIFF.

YEEOW!!

TAKE IT EASY, HUTCH! IT'S ME—SUSIE.

Y'MEAN TO SAY YOU HAVE TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THOSE LITTLE, TINY KIDS?

YOU DON'T KNOW THOSE LITTLE MONSTERS!

AW, YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE KIDS! LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME. I'LL HAVE 'EM TUCKED IN BED BEFORE YOU HAVE TIME TO TURN ON THE TELEVISION!

BUT HUTCH—

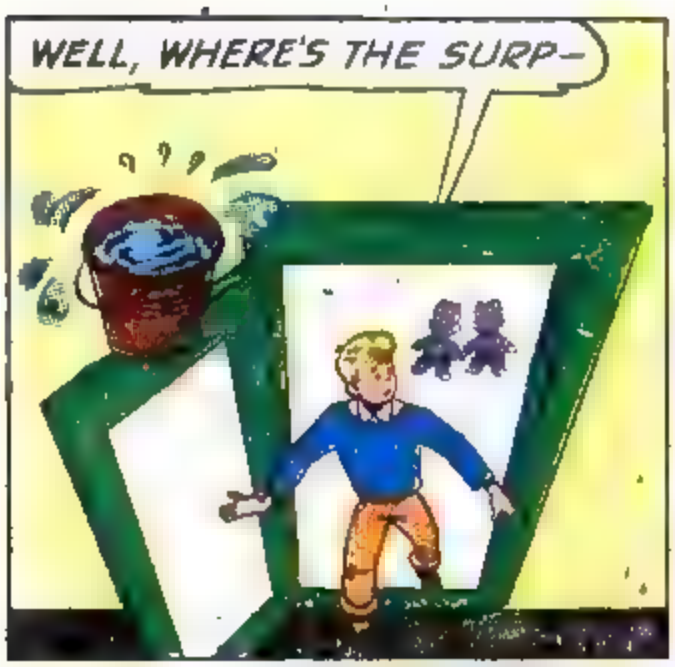
NO BUTS! I KNOW HOW TO HANDE KIDS! C'MON, FELLAS, LET'S GO!

FIRST, WE WANTA SHOW YOU SOMETHIN' IN THE KITCHEN.

YEAH! IT'S A SURPRISE!

WELL, WELL! A SURPRISE! O.K., LET'S SEE IT—AND THEN YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BED. RIGHT!

RIGHT!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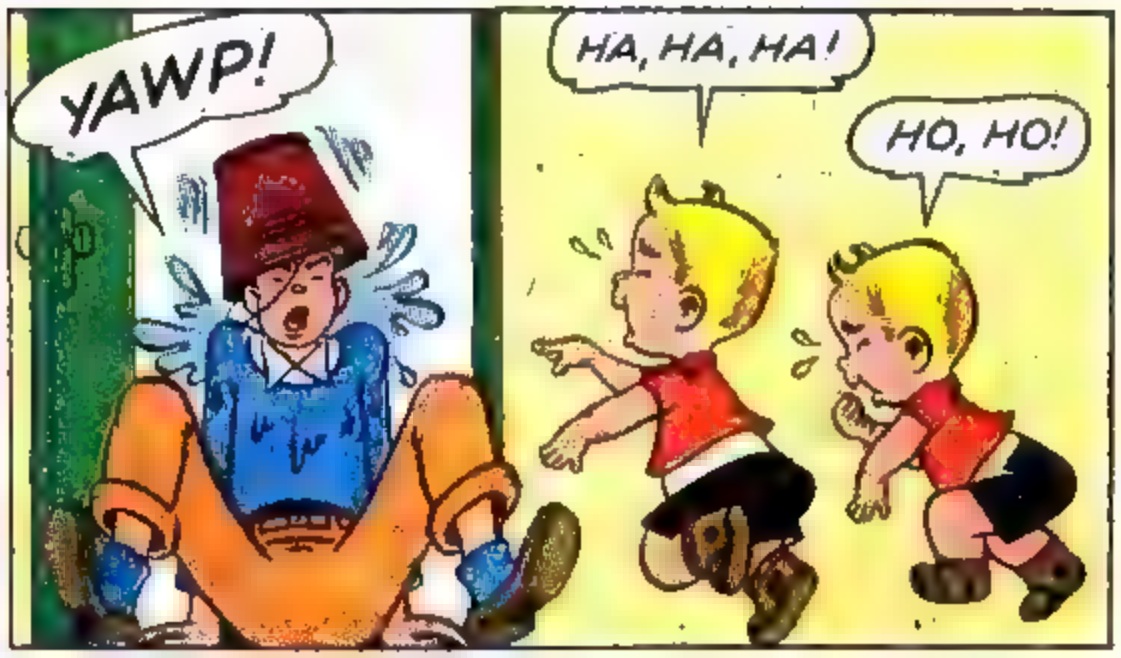
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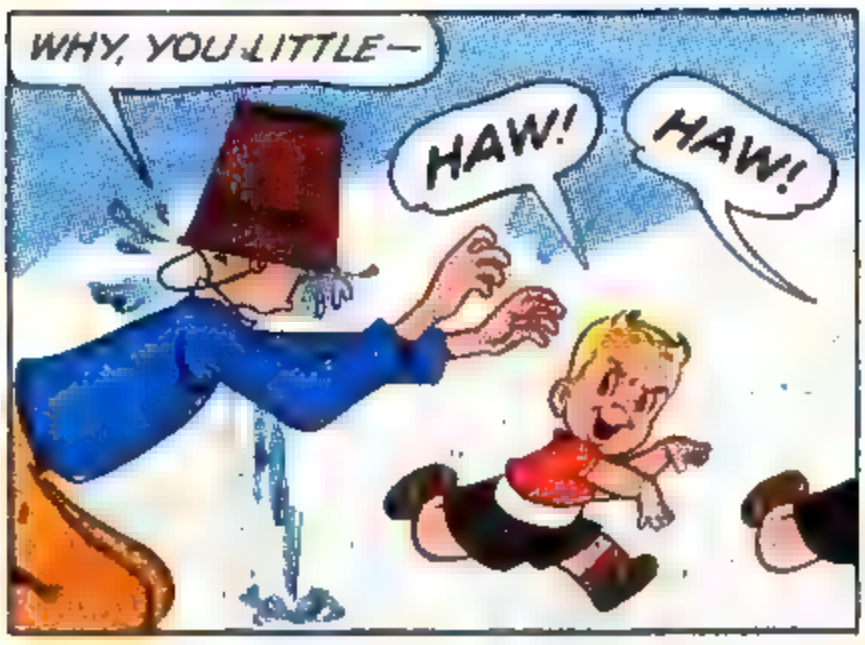
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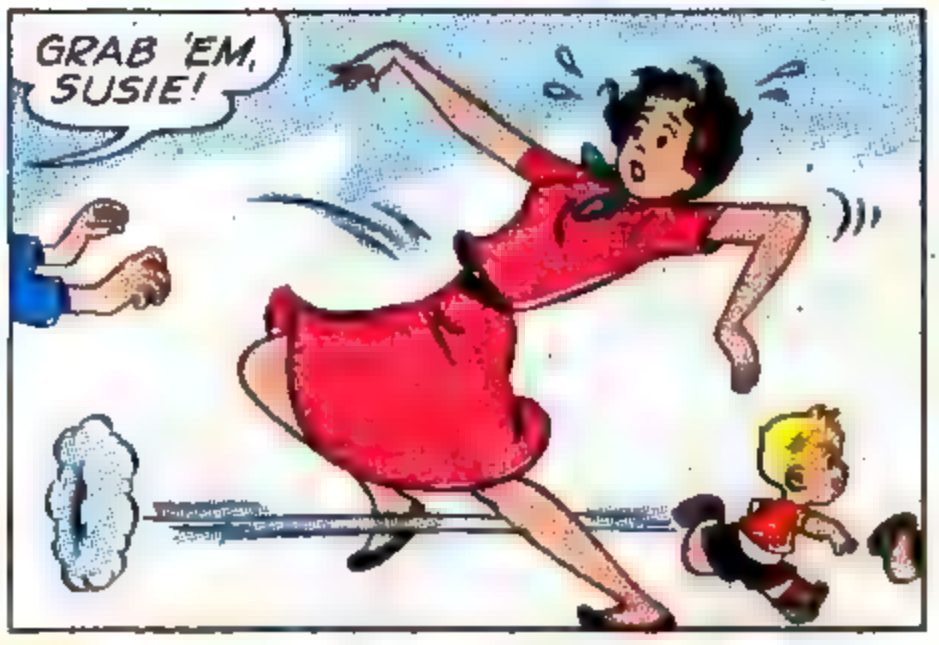
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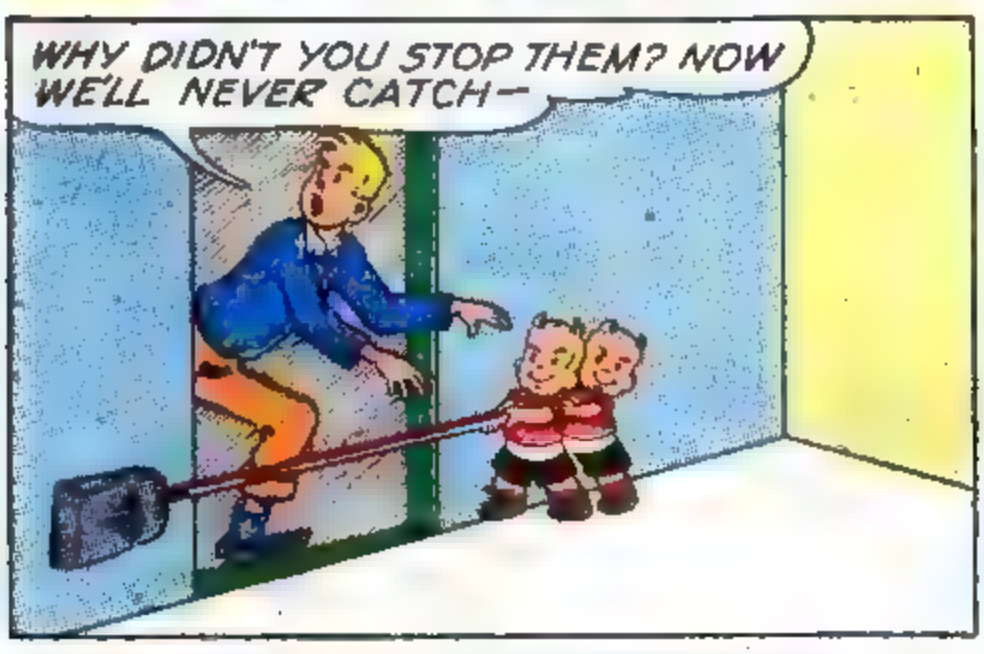
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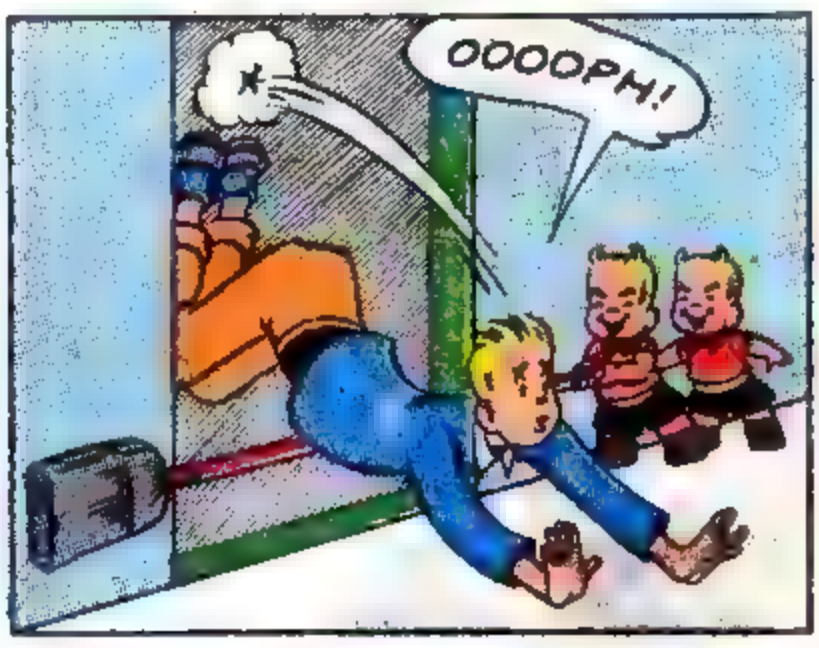
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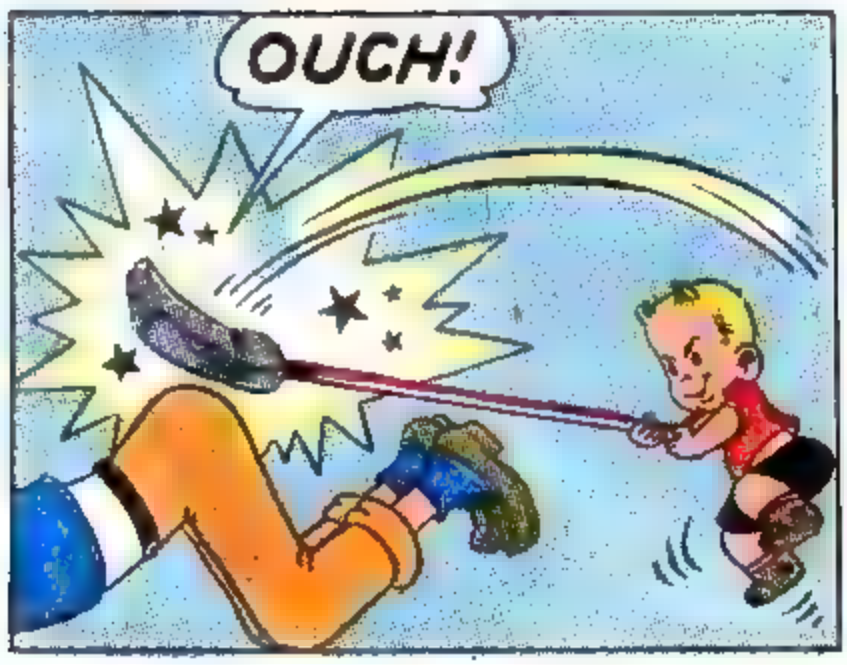
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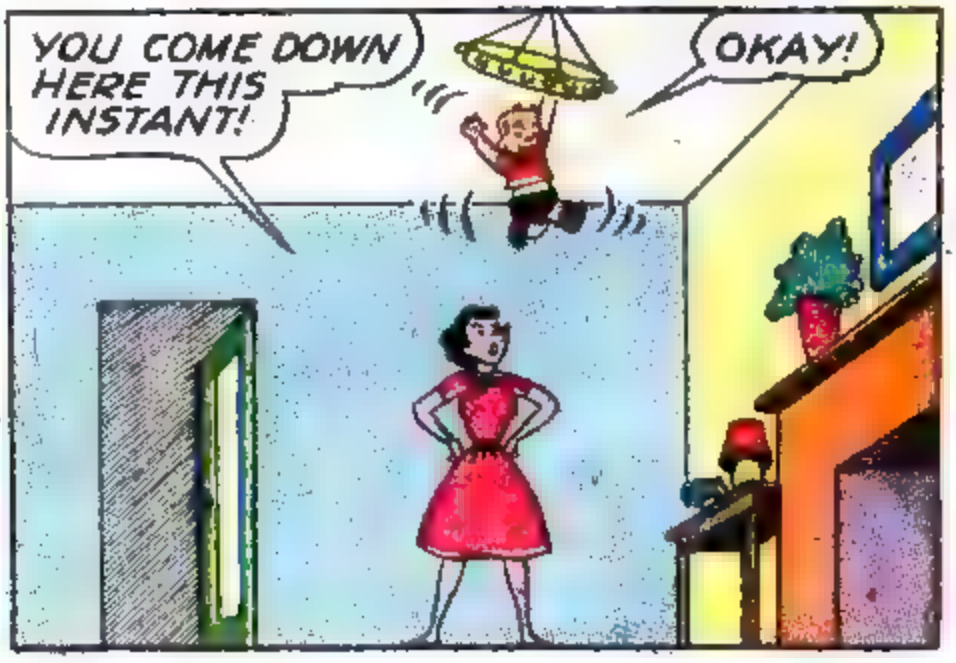
YOU COME DOWN HERE THIS INSTANT!
OKAY!

OUCH!

COME BACK HERE, YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO BED WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

AND STAY AWAY FROM THAT POWER MOWER! YOU'LL GET HURT!

SPUTTER-SPUTTER!

HY-YO, SILVER! AWA-A-AY!!

HEY! CUT IT OUT!

C'MON, SILVER—

GANGWAY, SUSIE!

AFTER 'IM, BOY!

ONE HOUR LATER.

GOSH! ISN'T THAT THING EVER GONNA RUN OUT OF GAS?

(SIGH!) I DUNNO, SUSIE! I SURE HOPE SO!

HEY! LOOK OUT FOR THE TELEVISION SET!

CRASH!

C'MON, HORACE—QUICK!

OH GOLLY, HUTCH! MAYBE THEY WERE KILLED!

NOT THOSE CHARACTERS! BUT WE BETTER GO GET 'EM AND STICK 'EM IN BED BEFORE THEIR MOTHER GETS HOME!

LATER...

WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE AND CAN'T FIND THEM. OH, HUTCH, I'M SCARED! SUPPOSE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THEM.

I'M KINDA WORRIED, MYSELF.

HEY, WAIT A SECOND, SUSIE! THERE'S ONE PLACE WE DIDN'T THINK TO LOOK!

HONESTLY!!

ZZ-Z-Z-ZZ-Z-Z!

HOW DO YA' LIKE THAT!

MY DIARY

by Susie Q. Smith

SUNDAY

Sometimes Popsie makes me so mad!

OF COURSE I'VE GOT SOMETHING ON MY MIND BESIDES BOYS...MEN!

MONDAY

Lana's so thrilled! She got a date to go to the dance Saturday night!

ISN'T IT ROMANTIC? THE LOSER HAS TO TAKE ME TO THE DANCE!

TUESDAY

Yippee! Cay is coming over tonight with a surprise for me!

GEE, SUSIE, I THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY SEEING MY PIN-UP COLLECTION!

WEDNESDAY

Alexander is a shorty—but he sure has tall ideas!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE I'M NOT THE HE-MAN TYPE?

THURSDAY

Going to a swanky formal party tonight with Hutch...

BUT HUTCH! IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF A DRESS-UP PARTY!

FRIDAY

Big football game today! Can't wait to see if we win...

WHAT A FOOTBALL GAME! I HAD FOUR BAGS OF POPCORN, SIX CHOCOLATE BARS AND NINE BOTTLES OF SODA!

SATURDAY

Date with Hutch tonite—big deal!

...AND PLEASE DON'T GET SO EXCITED BEFORE THE DANCE, YOU CAN'T EAT YOUR SUPPER!